



Ching-Wen Hsieh '04 was among the students inspecting one of the Class of 2004 rings on display at the Ring Premiere Sunday night.

Brass Rat With Two Men on Seal Revealed at 2004 Ring Premiere

By Brian Loux
NEWS EDITOR

Over 700 students stood in the dark of Walker Memorial Sunday to await the unveiling of the Class of 2004 ring.

Some of the more prominent aspects of this year's ring include an implicit memorial to the victims of the Sept. 11 attacks, a bordered bezel, and two males representing

the class's interpretation of the school's seal.

MIT's class ring, affectionately known as the "Brass Rat," is remade every year by a class committee to reflect what is important to each class.

"This ring represents the dedication, passion, and creativity of 13 of your classmates," said Ring Committee Chair Douglas J. Quattrochi

'04.

"It is an embodiment of what it means to be a part of MIT," said Vice Chair Nadya Mawjee '04.

After a brief history on MIT's history and mascot, members of the committee went through the components of the ring's art piece by piece.

The ring committee from the

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Committees Find Gender Bias, Inequities For Women In Every School of Institute

By Dan Cho
STAFF REPORTER

Committees investigating the status of women faculty in each of the Institute schools reported yesterday that in spite of recent progress, gender bias was still a problem throughout MIT.

In a special faculty meeting yesterday afternoon, Professor of Biology Nancy H. Hopkins, who led the Committee on the Status of Women Faculty in the School of Science, introduced a panel of committee chairs from the schools of Engineering, Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences, Architecture and Planning, and Management.

Each committee chair delivered a summary of gender issues in her school to the audience of faculty members. Printed copies of the full 164-page report were also made available to faculty members. Following the summaries, a panel discussion was moderated by Provost Robert A. Brown.

Science report triggers others

The committees were formed after a 1999 report on the status of women faculty in the School of Science. The report, which caused a stir

in universities nationwide, revealed feelings of marginalization and inequity experienced by tenured women science faculty.

"This was really a clarion call to all of us," said President Charles M. Vest in his opening remarks. "It taught us that gender bias is part perception and part reality, but reality is what has dominated."

In addition to national discussion, the report prompted some corrective measures in the School of Science. At the time, Brown called for committees to investigate the conditions of women faculty in the other four schools of the Institute.

"Progress in this critical matter will help make MIT a better place for all of us," Vest said.

Gender issues vary among schools

The committee chairs reported varying levels and types of gender bias in their individual schools. Professor of Materials Science and Engineering Lorna J. Gibson emphasized the low numbers of women faculty in the School of Engineering, which is only 14 percent women. The School of Engineering reported trouble in recruiting women faculty, saying that women who are offered faculty posi-

tions are twice as likely as men to reject such offers.

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Undergrads Choose Seale for Presidency

JudBoard Upholds Decision on Creighton

By Harold Fox

STAFF REPORTER

MIT undergraduates elected Josiah D. Seale '03 as Undergraduate Association president with one of the largest voter turnouts in history.

Seale received 987 votes to win over Jennifer S. Yoon '03, who received 531 votes. The disqualification of the ticket of Rhett Creighton '03 and Victor W. Brar '04 was upheld by the UA Judicial Board on appeal.

"I'm happy," Seale said. "There are a lot of things I want to do for the UA, and I think I have a good shot to get it done. Right now, the student body feels dis-

enfranchised, and I want to change that."

Creighton and Brar received 376

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UA President/Vice President Election Results

Candidate	Iteration	
	1	2
Josiah Seale/Parul Deora	799	987
Jenn Yoon/Miquela Vigil	481	531
Rhett Creighton/Victor Brar	376	disqualified (write-in)
Other Write-Ins	128	128
Nobody	225	363
Total Votes Cast:	2009	
Votes Cast Online:	1920	
Paper Ballots:	89	

SOURCE: UA ELECTION COMMISSION

High Turnout, Marginal Victories Mark Elections

By Jennifer DeBoer

STAFF REPORTER

This year's Undergraduate Association elections featured a voter turnout of 47 percent and several close calls in contested Class Council races.

"Last year's [election turnout] was also a record year," said Election Commissioner Helen H. Lee '02. "Hopefully, this will be a continuing trend."

Lee attributed some of the increased voter participation to the presidential/vice presidential fiasco surrounding the vote-buying campaign of Rhett Creighton '02 and Victor W. Brar '04.

"A pretty big part of [the voter

turnout] had to do with the Creighton/Brar candidacy. That drew more attention to the election."

Students vote for various reasons

Students who voted in the elections this year listed a variety of reasons for exercising their right to vote. "I want to have at least some input concerning the people representing our class," Jennifer A. La'O '05 said. "I vote to keep the people I don't want out of office: I don't rank them at all."

"I think they do nothing," said Jared W. Lynem '05. "They're totally useless and it's just a popularity

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The MIT Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Dante Anzolini (above), performed dances from Copeland's *Rodeo*, Sibelius' *Violin Concerto*, and Ives' *Symphony No. 4* last Saturday in Kresge Auditorium. See page 10.



The Winter's Tale opens Thursday in La Sala.



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WORLD & NATION

Pentagon Announces Plan To Scale Back Air Patrols

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

The Pentagon will scale back the combat air patrols that have been flying over Washington, New York and other major U.S. cities since Sept. 11, but it will maintain planes and crews ready to fly on runways across the nation, officials said Monday.

Citing the high cost of the flights, the drain on Air Force resources and the unlikelihood that the patrols could deter another air attack on the U.S. homeland, officials said it is possible that patrols over New York will stop altogether.

"Combat air patrols in the air, even on Sept. 11, may not have made a difference," a senior military official said. "What pilot is going to want to shoot down a civilian airliner? The Sept. 11 attacks, if they were going to be stopped, would have had to be stopped at the airports, not once the planes were in the air."

The round-the-clock patrols have cost the military more than \$500 million. They have tied up more than 260 aircraft — including fighters, AWACS radar control planes and C-130 transport planes — 350 air crews and 10,000 Air Force personnel at 30 bases throughout the United States.

Dozens Charged in Connection With Web Child Porn Ring

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

Eighty-nine people, including two Catholic priests, two police officers, a foster parent and a nurse, have been charged in connection with an Internet-based child pornography ring that authorities have broken up, Justice Department officials announced Monday.

Numerous arrests have been made in a 14-month investigation, and 50 more arrests are expected later this week in the first phase of a nationwide crackdown on Internet-based child pornography. More than two dozen of those arrested have admitted to molesting 36 children, according to the FBI. The others were charged with possession of child pornography.

"It is clear a new marketplace for child pornography has emerged from the dark corners of cyberspace," Attorney General John D. Ashcroft said at a news conference at FBI headquarters. "Innocent boys and girls have been targeted by offenders who view them as sexual objects. These individuals must be stopped."

The sting, known as "Operation Candyman," included more than 225 searches in more than 20 states.

Three Years for Iranian Man Who Interfered With Flight Crew

LOS ANGELES TIMES

LOS ANGELES

Weeping and pleading for mercy, an Iranian immigrant was sentenced to two years and nine months in federal prison Monday for threatening to "kill all Americans" after he was caught smoking on a plane bound from Los Angeles to Toronto.

Appearing in chains before a Los Angeles federal judge, Javid Naghani, a 38-year-old Los Angeles businessman, apologized for violating the no-smoking rule on airplanes, but denied uttering any anti-American remarks during the Sept. 27 flight. "Judge, give me a chance," he pleaded. "I did a mistake. I never did mean to harm anybody; I'm sorry about smoking."

Naghani, a legal U.S. resident, was convicted by a federal jury in December of interfering with the Air Canada flight crew. Defense attorney Theodore Flier argued that Naghani would have received a fine or a much lighter sentence if his crime had occurred before Sept. 11. He said he would appeal the conviction.

Snow for Spring

By Michael J. Ring

STAFF METEOROLOGIST

After one of the mildest, driest winters in recent memory, New England experienced a long-overdue dose of snow yesterday, with more on the way for the first day of spring tomorrow.

This week the core of the jet stream, the intense upper-level current which greatly influences the paths of storms, stretches from Texas northeastward to Maine in our region of the world. For much of this winter the jet stream has taken a more northerly track, passing over eastern Canada instead of the northeastern United States, and consequently we have experienced very dry conditions this winter. With the jet now taking a more southerly track, several storms will pass through the area over the next week.

Yesterday's storm was the first of these events. A second storm, currently over the Tennessee Valley, will slide northeastward and bring us a mixture of rain and snow tomorrow. The region will then experience a spell of cold, dry weather before the next chance at rain or snow on Sunday or Monday.

Extended Forecast

Today: Mostly cloudy, with perhaps a few peeks of sun in the afternoon. Highs near 37°F (3°C).

Tonight: Cloudy with flurries after midnight. Lows near freezing.

Wednesday: A mix of light rain and snow. Cold with highs of only 35°F (2°C).

Wednesday night: Rain and snow showers ending; clearing late. Lows near freezing.

Thursday: Sunny and milder. Highs near 43°F (6°C) and lows near 25°F (-4°C).

Friday: Partly cloudy and colder. Highs near 37°F (3°C) and lows near 20°F (-7°C).

Israel Agrees to Withdrawal As Cheney Visit Commences

By Lee Hockstader and Alan Sipress

THE WASHINGTON POST

JERUSALEM

Israeli forces began withdrawing Monday night from the last major pieces of Palestinian-ruled territory that they reoccupied in this month's broad military offensive, easing the way for cease-fire talks as Vice President Dick Cheney arrived to help a new American push for peace.

Witnesses confirmed that withdrawals were underway from the Bethlehem area, the northern West Bank city of Jenin and parts of the northern Gaza Strip. Israeli officials said that they expected the withdrawals to be completed by dawn Tuesday, and that Palestinian security forces would be obligated to take control of the territory and halt attacks against Israelis.

Palestinian officials had said cease-fire talks were impossible as long as the reoccupation stood. Coupled with the renewed U.S. effort to coax the two sides toward truce talks, the Israeli pullback nurtured a faint glimmer of hope for

the first time in months.

The withdrawals, which began last week with the arrival of Anthony Zinni, the U.S. special envoy to the Middle East, were carried out under American pressure. Nonetheless, Palestinians were angry that Cheney, who arrived Monday afternoon, had no planned meetings with the Palestinian leader, Yasser Arafat, or his senior deputies. He was scheduled to meet three times with Prime Minister Ariel Sharon of Israel and once with the Israeli president, Moshe Katsav.

"This man is talking about peace between Palestinians and Israelis and he decides for reasons incomprehensible to us not to have a scheduled meeting with President Arafat," said Saeb Erekat, a top Palestinian negotiator. "If he's on a peace mission as he says and he's not meeting with President Arafat, I wonder if he's trying to make peace between himself and Sharon or between Sharon and Sharon."

In his week-long tour of nine Arab countries, Cheney has faced relentless pressure to intervene on

behalf of the Palestinians, and the vice president's advisers have stressed in the last two days that he is willing to meet with Arafat's deputies. But Cheney's aides said Palestinians were insisting that the vice president meet with Arafat himself.

That presented Cheney with a dilemma: If he refuses to see the Palestinian leader, it would feed Arab complaints that Washington has taken Israel's side. But if Cheney does meet with Arafat, he would enrage the Israelis, who have pressed hard for the West to isolate the Palestinian leader, and would shift the policy of the Bush administration, which has shunned Arafat.

President Bush has refused to invite Arafat to the White House, saying he must take more decisive action to rein in Palestinian militants. And the vice president is said to be no fan of Arafat's.

This afternoon, in a welcoming ceremony on his arrival at Tel Aviv's Ben-Gurion Airport hosted by Sharon, Cheney kept up the pressure on Arafat.

Pakistani Authorities Seeking Links Between Church Attacks

By Rone Tempest

LOS ANGELES TIMES

ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN

Pakistani authorities are investigating possible links between Sunday's attack on a Christian church here and a deadly assault in October on another Christian congregation in nearby Punjab province.

In both cases, the suspected targets of the attacks were Americans. The group under investigation is a banned Sunni Muslim militant organization with strong links to the former Taliban regime in Afghanistan.

Also under investigation is the possibility that the Islamabad attack — which killed five people, including two Americans — was a suicide mission. That could mark a worrisome expansion of the deadliest, and most difficult to stop, form of terrorism.

Four of those killed in the attack at the Protestant International

Church in this capital's diplomatic quarter have been identified, including a U.S. Embassy employee and her 17-year-old daughter. But the fifth was injured beyond recognition.

As no family members have come forward to identify those remains, police have speculated that the final victim may have been the same man who hurled at least three grenades into the congregation during Sunday services. A Western official connected with the investigation identified the fifth victim as "one of the perpetrators," suggesting that more than one attacker might have been involved.

"He was blown to pieces," the official said. The force of the explosions inside the church blew out windows and spattered blood on the 30-foot ceiling.

According to Pakistani Communications Minister Javed Ashraf

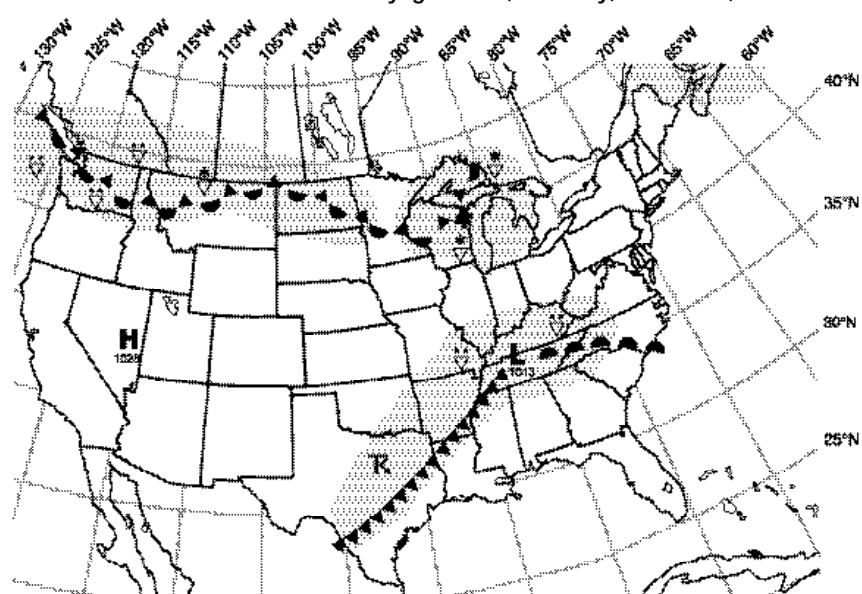
Qazi, a former military intelligence chief, at the top of the list of terrorist organizations suspected in the Sunday attack is the Sunni militant organization Lashkar-i-Jhangvi.

Banned in August by President Pervez Musharraf because of a series of violent attacks on the country's minority Shiite Muslim community, the heavily armed Lashkar-i-Jhangvi has been linked by witnesses to the Oct. 28 attack at a Christian service in Bahawalpur, in Punjab province.

In that incident, attackers sprayed the congregation with fire from Kalashnikov assault rifles, killing 15 worshippers and a policeman before escaping on motorcycles. Although all of the victims in the Bahawalpur attack were Pakistani Christians, authorities believe the primary targets were two American missionaries who had been expected to attend the service.

WEATHER

Situation for Noon Eastern Daylight Time, Tuesday, March 19, 2002



Largest Ground Offensive Over Says U.S. Commander Franks

By Thomas E. Ricks
and Vernon Loeb

THE WASHINGTON POST
BAGRAM AIR BASE, AFGHANISTAN

The top U.S. commander in the Afghan war said Monday that Operation Anaconda, the biggest U.S. ground operation of the conflict, has ended but that U.S. troops are continuing to kill or capture suspected al-Qaida fighters throughout Afghanistan.

Army Gen. Tommy R. Franks called the operation in eastern Afghanistan's Shahikot Valley "an unqualified success." However, he said, coalition forces have "additional" work to do "to clear al-Qaida out of the country of Afghanistan."

Pentagon officials underscored the point, describing engagements

in which U.S. forces killed 16 suspected al-Qaida fighters in a three-vehicle convoy in eastern Afghanistan near Gardez on Sunday, and captured 31 suspected al-Qaida members early Monday in a raid west of the southern city of Kandahar.

In his comments to reporters at this air base 35 miles north of Kabul, the Afghan capital, Franks appeared to dismiss the prospect of a prolonged U.S. ground war against al-Qaida and Taliban guerrillas. But "we will face the possibility of hit-and-run raids," he said.

Franks said future operations could require as many forces as did Operation Anaconda, which began March 2 and involved more than

1,000 U.S. ground troops and almost 1,000 allied Afghans. But future attacks are likely to look somewhat different as the military incorporates lessons from its operations, he said.

There has been no contact with enemy fighters in the Shahikot area — Operation Anaconda's mountainous, 60-square-mile engagement zone south of Gardez — for several days. But 500 U.S. and allied troops continued to sweep the battlefield over the last 48 hours, searching a total of 30 cave complexes.

U.S. warplanes, meanwhile, dropped 40 bombs over the weekend on isolated pockets of al-Qaeda and Taliban fighters in the area, a spokesman for the U.S. Central Command said.

Newly Discovered Inca Settlement May Give New Historical Insights

By Thomas H. Maugh II
LOS ANGELES TIMES

A previously unknown Inca settlement has been discovered on a remote and rugged Andean peak, a find that could shed new light on the origin and demise of the last great Indian empire in the Americas.

The settlement, on a peak known as Cerro Victoria, may have been one of the last refuges of the Inca before they were conquered by the Spanish in 1572, artifacts found at the site indicate. The site is in Peru's Vilcabamba region, where the Inca fled after Spanish soldiers crushed an Indian revolt in 1536.

The nearly inaccessible settlement sprawls over at least 2.4 square miles

on steep slopes at an altitude ranging from 8,000 to 11,000 feet. A platform built at the peak provides what explorers called a "spectacular view" of several snow-capped peaks nearby.

Such peaks were sacred to the Incas, and the platform was probably used for religious ceremonies, as well as to maintain the Inca calendar, said British author Peter Frost, who led the expedition along with California explorer Scott Gorsuch and Peruvian archeologist Alfredo Valencia Zegarra.

The site was so important to the Incas that they built a 5-mile-long aqueduct to bring water to the barren mountain.

"Victoria is an enormous and

complete complex of archeological sites, with great historical and functional significance, situated within an exceptional ecological system in stunningly beautiful country," said Valencia, who is associated with the National University of San Antonio Abad of Cusco.

The team has so far explored only one side of the mountain, but has found the ruins of more than 100 structures, including circular dwellings, agricultural storehouses, cemeteries, funeral towers and corrals, as well as agricultural terraces. Much of the site is still overgrown with dense cloud forest.

"We've really only scratched the surface so far," Frost said.

Supreme Court Hears Case On Government's Right to Lie

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

The Supreme Court heard one of President Bush's lawyers defend alleged lying by the Clinton administration Monday in a case that centers on whether government officials can be sued if they cover up crucial facts in a life-and-death matter.

The case has nothing to do with Paula Corbin Jones or Monica S. Lewinsky but instead concerned the Clinton administration's support for the Guatemalan military. It also marked one of the rare instances in which the victim of alleged government wrongdoing argued her own case in the high court.

"The government cannot engage in intentional deceit in order to prevent (you) from going to a court of law," Jennifer Harbury, a lawyer and widow of a Guatemalan guerrilla fighter, told the justices.

For more than a decade, Harbury has carried on a one-woman crusade against U.S. policy in Central America. In 1991, she met and married Guatemalan rebel Efraim Tamaca Velazquez.

A year later, he was captured by Guatemalan army, whose commanders reported he had died. In fact, he was being held captive, reportedly by a Guatemalan officer who was on the CIA's payroll.

Harbury says she was deceived by various Clinton administration officials in 1993 who said they did not know of her husband's whereabouts. She later learned Tamaca was killed in the fall of 1993.

Since then, Harbury has been seeking to hold liable key officials for lying, including former U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher and National Security Adviser Anthony Lake.

Campaign Finance Reform Bill Should Get Vote Within Days

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

The Senate opened Monday what is likely to be its final debate on long-stalled legislation to scale back the influence of special-interest money in politics, hoping to finish action on the measure and send it to President Bush within a day or two.

Republican foes of the bill have been insisting that its supporters demonstrate they have at least 60 votes for the bill — enough to break a filibuster. But they concede that the measure is likely to clear all remaining hurdles and be approved, perhaps as early as Tuesday.

Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., filed a petition Monday night to force the vote by Wednesday. Aides said he was prepared to keep the Senate in session all Wednesday night if necessary to ensure passage before Congress leaves at week's end for a two-week spring recess.

Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., the legislation's leading foe, said he and the bill's sponsors were making progress on a package of technical changes that will be passed in separate legislation. He said he foresaw no further delays and believed the final vote on the campaign finance bill could come Tuesday.

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Ruling Leaves Much to be Desired



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While the results of the Undergraduate Association election for president and vice president may be clear, the decision written by the Judicial Review Board most certainly is not.

Editorial

JudBoard's ruling is confusing, incomplete, and internally inconsistent. As JudBoard rulings cannot be overturned, the board has a particular responsibility to offer a clear opinion to the student body. The duty of the board is to improve and clarify decisions by lower boards, such as the Election Commission Rules Board, as well as review policies and legislation of the UA government. The board's ruling on the ticket of Rhett Creighton '02 and Victor W. Brar '04 added more confusion to the matter with a decision that contradicts itself and oversteps the bounds of the Judicial Board.

JudBoard ruled that Creighton and Brar were denied due process by the Election Commission, yet they failed to address this admitted wrong with some kind of sanction or remedy. In short, JudBoard admitted that the Rules Board acted unfairly, but let the action stand. JudBoard's decision does not offer any incentive for the future Rules Boards to ensure due process. At the very least, JudBoard should have mitigated the punishment handed down to Creighton and Brar.

JudBoard's ruling also included a recommendation that the commission itself rewrite the Election Code. The commission does not have this power; the code can only be amended by the UA Council. The fact that JudBoard seemingly did not understand this fact is significantly disconcerting. If JudBoard does not understand the rules which it is supposedly interpreting, what hope do undergraduates have for a fair judicial review process? JudBoard was correct to recommend substantial changes to the flawed election code, but it should have been more knowledgeable about how to do so. Such a ruling is akin to the U.S. Supreme Court asking the IRS to change the tax code, rather than asking Congress.

JudBoard ruled that Creighton/Brar were indeed offering bribes to voters. At the time of the ruling, the vote count was not known; at that time, it would have been entirely appropriate for JudBoard to call for the elections to be rerun entirely. However, given the overwhelming victory by Josi-

ah D. Seale '03 and Parul Deora '04, rerunning the election at this point would be of little significance. Voter turnout was the strongest in memory, with nearly 50 percent of the undergraduates voting in the UAP/VP election and over 50 percent voting in some class council elections. With strong turnout and a strong victory, Seale has a legitimate claim to a mandate from the voters. Rerunning the election would be unlikely to change that fact. The only obvious change from previous years' elections was the controversy surrounding the Creighton/Brar ticket; this might have been the source of the high turnout.

The 2002 election pointed out yet again the serious flaws in the UA election system. The only positive that could possibly come out of this year's proceedings would be lasting, positive changes to the election system. The time has come for professional advice that will eliminate flaws and loopholes from the Election Code once and for all — MIT undergraduates are not legal experts. In addition, the UA Council needs to establish procedures that will require JudBoard to act as a more effective oversight body. In future rulings, JudBoard must think much more carefully about wording their decisions. Confusing language, contradictory statements, and legislative decisions should not be introduced at the ultimate level of judiciary review. In addition, the ruling set a dangerous precedent by failing to address the lack of due process in the Rules Board's proceedings.

As for JudBoard's ruling itself, the verdict said that Creighton/Brar could not win the election, which was a valid decision in and of itself. However, *The Tech* is concerned that a valid verdict was not backed up by a clear written assessment of the initial ruling. JudBoard has failed to be an effective appellate body.

The Tech had high hopes for this year's UA elections. After years of controversy and scandal, this year seemed to be running smoothly, with a newly adopted election code. Creighton and Brar pointed out serious flaws which remained in the UA Election Code, but poor handling by both the Election Commission Rules Board and JudBoard only exacerbated the situation. Without improvements to the Election Code before next March, the UA will be lucky to avoid its fifth tainted election in six years.

Letters To The Editor

Supporting Our Colleagues Abroad

Hardly anyone in the United States is aware that the Libyan people's court has recently sentenced 152 of Libya's university professors and students. Two professors got the death sentence: Professor Salem Abu Hanak, head of the Chemistry Department at the University of Qar Younes in Benghazi and Professor Abdullah Ahmed Izzedin from the Engineering Faculty of the University of Tripoli. The rest of the accused were handed sentences ranging from 10 years to life in prison.

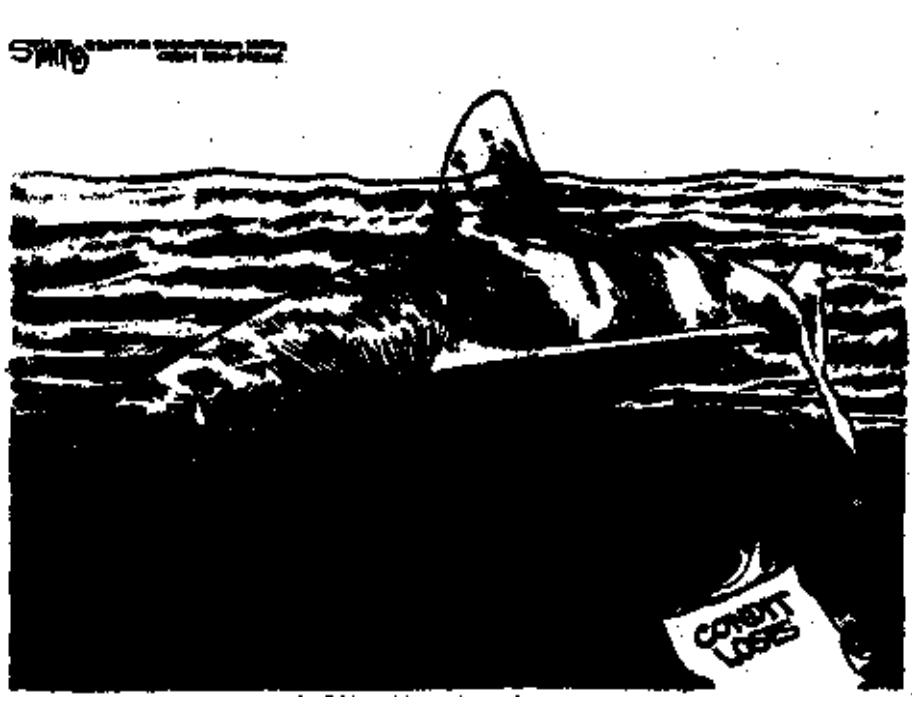
Twenty of these people hold PhD and Master's degrees from American universities. The urgent appeal to the U.S. academic community, both professors and students, is to unite in support of their Libyan colleagues. The Libyan government continues to systematically target the academic community in Libya because they are the only engine of social change left in that depleted and oppressive country. Bear in mind that the group in question neither committed nor advocated any violence. In fact, they did nothing more than collectively call for democratic reforms, social justice, and an end to corruption. This action, natural as it may seem in the United States, is in violation of a 1972 Libyan law that bans assemblies and parties and is punishable by execution.

This issue is critical to all of the academic community and not just to a few international students. Society invests heavily into

educational institutions because they benefit society at least as much as they benefit the educated individual. However, if the educated have an obligation to spread the vision of the institutions that produced them and to attempt to improve the common lot of humanity, shouldn't the institutions be

equally obliged to support them? It cannot be the case that all this effort was invested into their education just so that an unelected military regime could at whim round them up and execute them.

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Student Responsibility And Student Voice

Guest Column
Tracy Purinton

As one who has a lot of interaction with students, I often hear statements like, "Student voices must be heard;" "The decision was made unfairly and did not take into account student opinion!"; "The administration doesn't understand students."

The challenge with these assertions is determining what "student voice" means. Should one student shouting his or her opinion on an issue be viewed as representing the whole student body? What about a gathering of 100 students who oppose a recent decision or course of action? Should the squeaky wheel always get the grease? Should those 100 be viewed as representing the opinion of all 5,000 undergraduates or 10,000 students as a whole?

I wholeheartedly agree with students that their voices must be heard. Students must be represented at the table when decisions are being made that affect the entire community. I think the hope is that that student (or students) will have the wherewithal to think beyond their own experience and their own four plus years at the Institute, but it is crucial that those who eat, sleep, study and live on our campus are able to share their perspective and be a significant part of the conversation. But what is effective representation? What happens when that one student or those 100 students who raised their concerns make their complaints known without presenting an alternative plan or proposal? Then what? Students need to be engaged in the problem-solving process and must be active participants in that process. And, indeed, there have been a number of positive outcomes of this kind of engagement in recent years including the Dining Board, RSIT, the Founder's Group, etc.

In light of current issues with respect to the UA elections, it seems like an appropriate time to be thinking together about what effective representation looks like. Getting a unified and representative voice of the student body and making sure that those ideas are heard at faculty, presidential, and Institute committees is no small task. It involves bringing not only your opinion, but also the opinions and concerns of all undergraduates to the chancellor, the chair of the faculty, the dean for student life, and the dean for under-

graduate education.

Several students with whom I've spoken during this election claim that, "the UA doesn't do anything anyway." The UA, however, consistently provides representation and a voice at the table around issues like the meal plan and dining, pass/no record, input on the new dorm design and management, residence system implementation for next fall, FSILG recruitment, and orientation. Each residential area has a representative to the UA Council. Your UA representative makes a genuine effort to gather input and solicit feedback from their constituents on a regular basis. If you don't let your opinion be known to them (or if you continually delete their e-mails) it's hard to get mad when your views aren't presented. If you are dissatisfied with the current structure, a responsible thing to do is to provide useful feedback with an alternative or a solution. MIT is currently dealing with substantial and important issues regarding the student experience and these issues require thoughtful ideas and proposals of real substance. Some people feel that the UA's representation on many of the above-mentioned issues hasn't amounted to anything anyway, but I beg to differ. The senior administration specifically looks to the UA and the GSC (and other governing groups) to get the sense of how undergraduate and graduate students might react to a change or new policy. There are many discussions that are going on around campus that the UA and other student government leaders are involved in that are extremely important to our community. Those students' input often has a serious impact on what the final iteration of that initial idea looks like. The final outcome may not be exactly what all students would want, but it probably looks a whole lot better than if they weren't asked!

Currently, the UA is representing undergraduate opinion on such issues as expanding the MIT Card, review of MIT alcohol policy, further improvements to SafeRide, making improvements to freshman advising, meal plan/dining issues, giving input on the new dorm design and on the new housing system, determining a reasonable solution to the crowding issue, working on the new orientation schedule and FSILG recruitment/rush, strategic planning for the Stata Center, student center, and Walker, voicing student concern on the pass/no record decision, gaining new funding for

student life initiatives (including athletics and student organization funding), thinking about new modes of information display in Lobby 7, Lobby 10, the Stata Center and student center, and keeping attention focused on mental health issues and confidential medical transport. The UA is also responsible for the Association of Student Activities who oversee the student organization recognition process, bulletin board and office allocations, the first-year summer mailing, the activities midway, the use of MIT space/reservations. All of the events coordinated and sponsored by class councils are also funded through the UA and the fact that class councils can borrow against their proceeds from ring sales and career fair money is because of UA proposals. The UA is also responsible for the creation of the annual Spring Weekend events as well as large event funding that can support student organization-initiated events.

And finally, and perhaps most importantly, the UA is responsible for nominating students to sit on the following committees and represent the undergraduate community at large.

Committees of the faculty include: the Committee on Academic Performance, the Committee on Curricula, the Committee on Discipline, the Faculty Policy Committee, the Committee on Examination and Term Regulations, the Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Financial Aid, the Committee on the Undergraduate Program, the Committee on Pass/No Record and Advance Placement Credit, and the Committee on the Communications Requirement. Committees appointed by the president include but are not limited to the Committee on Campus on Race Relations, the Commencement Committee, the IAP Policy Committee, the ROTC Oversight Committee and the Committee on Safety.

This is not to say that the UA is perfect. In fact, I think there could be some serious overhaul to the way information is shared and student opinion is gathered. I think students could be doing even more to ensure that student perspective is heard earlier on in the decision making process. I think students could become even more engaged in problem-solving around some of the issues that face our community as a whole.

But that is for you to decide.

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The Name Game

Akshay Patil

Read my name. Go ahead, let your eyes move up to the spot between this sentence and the column title in which resides my name. Say it out loud; I'm sure the people around you won't mind. Both names: first and last. Take your time, I'm in no hurry. Done? Alright. Now how many people think they pronounced my name correctly? Come on, I want to see hands people, don't be shy.

Hands down. Relax. Name pronouncing is tricky business, a skill that takes many years of practice to master. As you can see, the majority of you had absolutely no idea what to do. It amuses me to hear the variations on my name, not because I find merriment in the other person's confusion, but because I too understand the torture it is to come across a name that you just can't wrap your tongue around.

If you've got a strange ("unique" for the politically minded) name you learn little rules to conveying your name. First of all, you pretty much stop pronouncing your name correctly. Why confuse someone? I'd rather have them quickly learn a close approximation then spend five minutes making them feel bad as they say my repeatedly say my name with an expression on their face imploring "PLEASE tell me I got it right that time. I'll probably never meet you again in my life, and if I do, I'll just say

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"Hey! What's up?" In order to facilitate the name learning process, you also tend to stop saying things like "I'm Akshay." This inevitably leads to the question "Imakshay?" That's when you know you're in trouble. ("No, I am Akshay." "Iemakshay?" "No, no, my name is . . .")

Don't feel bad about it. The truth be told, I break out into a cold sweat every time I'm confronted with a name of Indian origin. The problem lies in the fact that I'm a monoglot (I learned that word on Jeopardy); I can only speak English. Thus, when faced with an Indian name, not only do I not know how to pronounce the name, but I also feel extremely guilty about my lingual incompetence.

But let's not be naïve and think that the process ends once you quasi-master an element of another culture. Once you pass this hurdle to cultural enlightenment, there is still the matter of using it properly. I've been told by countless Chinese friends that Chow Mein is pronounced "Tsiao Mi-ehn," but when am I supposed to use this fact? If I'm in a restaurant, conversing with a waitperson in English, am I supposed to suddenly bust out a "Tsiao Mi-ehn" instead of "Chow Maine"? "Hello, I'm an Indian college student who obviously can't speak a lick of Mandarin, Cantonese, or any other dialect that is considered 'Chinese.' I would like to order the orange chicken, shrimp fried rice, and <gives the waitperson a knowing look> tsiao mi-ehn." Maybe if I'm feeling especially cultured, I can try and throw in a "shieh shieh" and hope they don't think I need to go to the bathroom.

Not to say that the lingual confusion is always Asian. What we have on our hands is a truly international affair. After years of training (pronounced "high school"), I have become relatively competent at pronouncing names from the Orient, but heaven help me when I come up against an Eastern European name. That's when the eyes glaze over and brain shuts off. Which consonants are silent? What vowels are understood to be there? Is European Wheel of Fortune any fun? The questions are endless.

This is why MIT needs a new General Institute Requirement. Writing proficiency be damned, how is the student body supposed to bond if we can't even pronounce each other's names (or order Chinese food)? We can no longer afford to remain silent (ha! a pun!) on this issue, our concerns must be vocalized (again!). Let's put an end to this cultural confusion together: you, me, and shu-ma-ra-xia. That guy.

Laying the Foundations Of Dorm Culture

Guest Column
Jeff Roberts

When I came to MIT I became very interested in the residence system, particularly the dorms. I quickly learned, as did my fellow freshmen, that dorms are not just residences but social groups, and that each one has unique characteristics and traditions. As a thinker, I immediately wanted to know more. Why are dorm communities so strong? From where does each dorm get its characteristics? So when I learned, in 1998, that MIT was planning to open a new dorm in three (now four) years, I knew I wanted to be a part of it. I wanted to learn about how a new residential community develops from the very beginning. I decided to get involved, and that was the beginning of my long descent into the underworld of MIT residential life politics. But that's not what I'm going to talk about now.

Ever since I've been on the Founders Group I've taken every opportunity to talk about the new dorm — Simmons Hall, as it's now called — trying to explain why I'm interested in the project and why others should be, too. In doing this, I've found myself battling some strong sentiments. It's ugly. It's expensive. It's symbolic of the administration's desire to destroy the MIT residence system as we know it. I can blame administrators for these problems, but I can't avoid them. Even for students who show real interest, convincing them means addressing many concerns. Can I get a single? Will there be kitchens? All these questions are relatively easy to answer, whether or not the answers are pleasing to students.

There are also more interesting questions. What will Simmons Hall be like? What kind of personality will it have? Will it be like

Baker? MacGregor? East Campus? For these I have one general answer: It will be like other dorms in the ways all dorms are alike, and it will be unlike other dorms the ways all dorms are different.

We all know that dorms have unique personalities. Moreover, we know that dorm personality is based not just on the personalities of the residents, but on history, traditions, and values. There's a reason why we can accurately describe dorm communities as having "culture."

How does dorm culture develop? Architecture is one important factor, and surely the borderline insanity apparent in the

each dorm cause culture to develop differently, and cause different characteristics to emerge.

Since personality and culture develop over time, I can't say what the personality of Simmons Hall will be. It almost definitely won't be like anything we have now. But I don't think that's important. What's important is that it has the capacity to develop culture. For this to happen, it must have a mixed, multiple-year community. This is why it's crucial that Simmons Hall not be an all-freshmen, or even mostly-freshmen, dorm.

Culture is also a blessing and a bane. We want to get students living in Simmons Hall who value culture, but such students tend to value the culture of their current residence and seem less likely to want to be separated from it. We need to find people with a desire not just to contribute to a culture, but to create it.

There are already quite a few people who are moving into Simmons Hall and are trying to get others interested. If you see someone today, or any other day, wearing a Simmons Hall t-shirt (and not looking too busy), stop and chat with them for a minute. Find out why they're involved, and maybe you'll get interested yourself.

Jeff Roberts '02 was a member of the Simmons Hall Founder's Group.

More important than choice in selecting residences is the fact that dorms are multi-year residences. The interaction between older and younger students makes it possible for stories to be passed along over time. This continuity through time is what creates the capacity for culture to develop.

Unanimous Apathy

Stephanie W. Wang

The results are in and some people won in the UA elections but does it really matter? Before you start citing the propaganda and the buzzwords of student government, has anyone really figured out what the UA does? If the election campaigns are any indication, I suspect most candidates don't know either. Yet they continue to stress the importance of voting in the annual beauty pageant in disguise. They want to be confirmed as the popular people, the beautiful people, the changing-MIT-one-inane-social-event-at-a-time people. Curiously, too many students seem to willingly oblige the candidates' narcissism.

I don't know about you, but I consciously chose to not vote in the UA elections. After all, what is the point of deciding who will lead a superfluous organization and its puppet subsidiaries? I have been at this institution for close to two years and not once have I felt that the UA's work has any bearing whatsoever on the lives of the student body. Come to think of it, I don't understand why the UA is not abolished all together in favor of a much more pragmatic, non-indulgent system. No doubt the UA supporters would be up in arms over this "preposterous" suggestion that undermines all of its "countless accomplishments." Surely, they would ask: what about the abolition of the meal plan? What about ... uh ... getting funds ... and stuff ... to do other things? Despite certain individuals all too eager to take absolute credit for these supposedly monumental gains for the students, it was really the voice of concerned students and the collective efforts of many that precipitated any changes. The bottom line: the UA doesn't have any power and Chuck Vest and the MIT Corporation make all the decisions. Unless there is a gargantuan student move-

ment for a certain issue from the grass roots level, the UA itself is completely muted.

Furthermore, for all their pleas of "community building" and "bridges of communication," I don't believe for one second that the leaders of the UA actually care or can do anything even if they did. Granted, those who are not on a committee or a council for the resume-whoring may be delusional enough to actually hope that they can make a difference here at MIT. Nevertheless, despite the good intentions, the resultant futility of being involved in the UA is the same. Before you accuse me of not giving credit to the many hours they sacrifice "slaving" for the students to represent their interests, I have to ask: what have they done in these many precious hours? The overbloated meetings and self-righteous plans which never seem to be implemented result only in the resolution to talk more about "building

a community," "working with the administration" and "getting student input." Here is my input: I couldn't care less about class councils that organize purposeless study breaks and the myriad of UA Committees on Discussing Doing Something or Other.

The election campaigns have become an increasingly nonsensical farce. They always disintegrate into a competition of having the "cutesiest" slogans and the "slickest" posters while the platforms with no substance are conveniently obscured and questions of effectiveness are consistently dodged by empty pronouncements of "experience" and "empathy." Apparently, most of the candidates have not been informed that they are no longer in high school. Oh wait, when it comes to these elections, the high school dictates of position monopolies and sophomore calls for unity and spirit still apply. Therefore I have been forced to suffer through the weeks of nauseating happy faces defacing

the sidewalks not to mention the pretentious "model poses" posters that scream "Look! I'm so pretty! I'm so suave! Vote for me (even if I have no idea what I will do once I am elected)!" I tried to suppress my gag reflex as I glanced at a poster which dared to exalt the mob mentality of voting for a candidate because someone else is. After a while, I can only be amused by all the ludicrous, pathetic attempts at gathering support for essentially nothing.

Yes, I am the person who once harped upon the importance of voting for Nader out of principle even if that vote would not alter the outcome of the election. However, I adamantly believe in affecting change through the democratic process only when possible. The U.S. government can become better with a change in the leadership, but the UA is beyond repair and thus should be overthrown in favor of a system that has any semblance of ambition and efficacy. This is why I answer no to the suggestion that I run for a UA office to change the system rather than criticizing it. When the system is this broken, it's time to destroy it rather than hide its faults with multi-colored glossy propaganda.

Without the self-important Undergraduate Association, the undergraduates certainly won't suffer. I am not proposing "anarchy;" I am simply suggesting a long-overdue "revolution." If student groups need funding, then let's keep the mechanism in place for them to acquire this funding as quickly as possible. If an issue arises where students believe their voices are not being heard, then the students can willingly organize a group to represent them on the matter. If the issue is class-specific, then naturally the group would be comprised mostly if not all of members of that class. All the other unnecessary red tape of having UA/class councils and impotent committees should be eliminated. With the dissolution of the UA, the Bush fund can be subsequently granted to the group with the best proposal for utilizing the money. Yes, I know this "revolution" won't occur at MIT. After all, the UA is better for the students than the World Bank is for the impoverished in developing countries, and the World Bank hasn't been abolished. In fact, its president gets invited to speak at commencement here.

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Bush's Health Care Proposals

Matt Craighead

It was to virtually no media fanfare that President Bush announced his health care agenda a month ago. Maybe they were following too many other things at the time; I don't entirely know. It's a shame, though, because Bush seems to understand better than our previous occupant of the Oval Office what's wrong with health care in America and how we can fix it.

America's health care woes can be traced back to wage and price controls imposed during World War II. Wartime economic policies created inflation; since employers couldn't increase wages, they instead offered their employees health care benefits. Such benefits were soon treated as tax-free, and it became much more efficient for employers to pay for health care than employees.

After all, it's bizarre, if you think about it, that it is standard for employers to pay for health care. Our employers, by and large, don't provide us with food, or cars, or housing; instead, they pay us cash. An employee can typically do a better job of spending that money on himself than the employer would on his behalf.

Employer-provided health care has had three insidious side effects. First, it has become difficult for individuals or small businesses to buy health care — the system isn't designed for them, and individuals and the self-employed effectively pay more due to taxes. Second, it reduces accountability and choice. Most employers only offer a few health plan options, and employees spend more because it's "someone else's money," while employers struggle to keep costs down. Third, and most ominously, it has encouraged the spread of the vicious idea that individuals are not the ones responsible for providing for their own health care, and that someone else — be it a business or government — must do so.

It is this latter point that aided the Democratic Party, starting in the 1960s, in proclaiming that everyone has a "right" to be provided with health care. Under President Johnson, socialized medicine became a reality in America, just as it had some years earlier in Europe.

Fortunately, repeated attempts by Senator

Ted Kennedy and others in the 1970s to broaden socialized medicine beyond Medicare and Medicaid (for the elderly, poor, and disabled) failed, and with Reagan in the White House such ideas were shelved. The backers of socialized medicine made one final push in 1994 in the guise of "Hillarycare," but with its defeat and Newt Gingrich's coup later that year, the movement to centralize all delivery of health care at the federal level died a well-deserved death.

In the meantime, nations that had gone down this road provided ample evidence that it was a failure. In England, the best and brightest doctors and scientists left in the "brain drain" of the 1960s, while quality deteriorated and costs exploded at the National Health Service. Waits for even simple procedures grew so long that many travel to America and pay for an operation now rather than wait. Canada's situation is similar.

The situation in the United States, though better, is still hardly ideal. Medicare is a tangled web of price controls, and its regulations are three times longer than the tax code (over 100,000 pages in total). Doctors' malpractice lawsuit payments have exploded, since the legal burden for malpractice is unfortunately not negligence. Many states mandate such broad insurance coverage of ailments that prices go through the roof. In the meantime, HMOs and their associated bureaucracy have strangled both doctor and patient.

What American health care desperately needs reinjected is the free market.

We should begin by recognizing that health care is not a right — nor is a minimum income, a "living wage," or an education. Unfortunately, those of us desiring such a return to 19th-century style laissez-faire capitalism are in the minority, and so we must settle for less at present. (Whatever some on the left may scream about cuts in these programs, even Reagan barely made a dent in the

Great Society welfare state, and Bush isn't about to do so either.)

While the president's health care agenda doesn't eliminate or even trim Medicare and Medicaid, he is creating a new framework in which such programs will look a lot less important. Sure, he's included the Democrats' number one wish, a prescription drug benefit, in his proposal to "modernize" Medicare — but he's also talking about opening up Medicare to real private competition, allowing seniors to spend their Medicare money on a real private health plan. He's already taken steps to give states more flexibility to run Medicaid.

The centerpiece of his plan, however, is to begin the restoration of health care into something that individuals pay for themselves. He proposes massively expanding MSAs (Medical Savings Accounts), a device by which individuals can save money tax-free to pay for small medical expenses while retaining health insurance for catastrophic problems. He's also providing new tax credits to help individuals buy their own health insurance. In short, your health care expenditures come out of your own pocket, not someone else's. If nothing else, this will encourage more individual responsibility.

A small point worth mentioning is that some have criticized these tax credits as enlarging, not shrinking, the government's role in medicine. Such criticisms miss the mark; federal laws already prohibit hospitals from turning away the uninsured. We are already all paying indirectly for such health care. At worst these proposals will shift the burden a bit, while making the accounting a bit more honest.

The Bush proposals aren't perfect, but they move in the right direction for the first time in many years. It's a relief indeed to have a President who doesn't think the solution to every problem is more taxes, more spending, and more regulation.

Don't Take Penicillin Just Yet

Andrew C. Thomas

Don't say I didn't warn you.

The recent unseasonable warmth signaled the beginning of a dangerous annual epidemic that strikes people of all ages, sizes and dispositions. Unrelenting in its approach, this disease primarily causes intense loss of concentration, and a rage of hormones that prove difficult to control.

I speak, of course, of spring fever.

While freshmen from warm climates may not be completely familiar with the condition, I have little doubt that they will understand it by the end of the month. Spring fever is, simply put, triggered by a rise in temperature. This typically coincides with the ability to walk comfortably outside without a jacket on. A new feeling of release accompanies this clothing change; perhaps a mating instinct kicking in, perhaps simply the delight of being able to spend time in natural sunlight. I know I'd

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Now, I remind you that we are in Boston, known for its wild, mercurial weather patterns. And while the weather since last Saturday has been rather unspectacular, experience and Murphy's Law suggest that the temperature will rise and fall like mad in the near future. Without warning, this place will heat up again, and soon. And then fall back down, and then rise once again.

And herein lies the problem. Imagine firing a superball from, say, an air-powered bazooka, at the floor in a room with a low ceiling. It will ricochet off the floor and ceiling, and depending on the aim, off the walls as well, for some time before coming to rest. Not only does Boston's daily temperature follow a pattern similar to this, but this temperature fluctuation will carry people along like a jetstream. People's emotions tend to run wild for one sustained period, in places with a more regulated climate. If only we could be so lucky here, then we might be able to prepare for it.

The consequences of this effect will be immediately noticeable with a sharp jump in the number of assignments people will put off. Whether they choose to spend their time running along the Charles, playing soccer or frisbee, or simply watching a sunset, the ability of students to focus on work will drop dramatically. I recall an incident last year in the initial stages of spring fever where I had to lie to a TA in order to skip her class and enjoy the warm afternoon because I couldn't bear being inside any longer. (In retrospect, she probably knew I was bluffing the whole time, and I appreciate her understanding of the situation.) I will certainly be on the watch for declining attendance in afternoon classes. (Watching in the morning would be counterproductive. People don't need spring fever to skip 9 a.m. classes — this particular habit is a year-round activity.)

I would like this to serve as a warning to all professors and teaching assistants. If class attendance seems to drop, if homework seems to be rushed, if essays on foreign policy tend to take a distinctly sexual turn, be understanding. I'm sure that this is an effect that hits all ages, though certainly it is more severe for teenagers and recent ex-teenagers. However, be aware that the superball effect will amplify this problem as well. From another point of view, think of it as being hit by five water balloons at different times (but you don't know when the next one is coming), as opposed to having a bucket of water dumped on you just once. At least with the hose, there's more of a guarantee that if you dry off now, you won't have to do it again later.

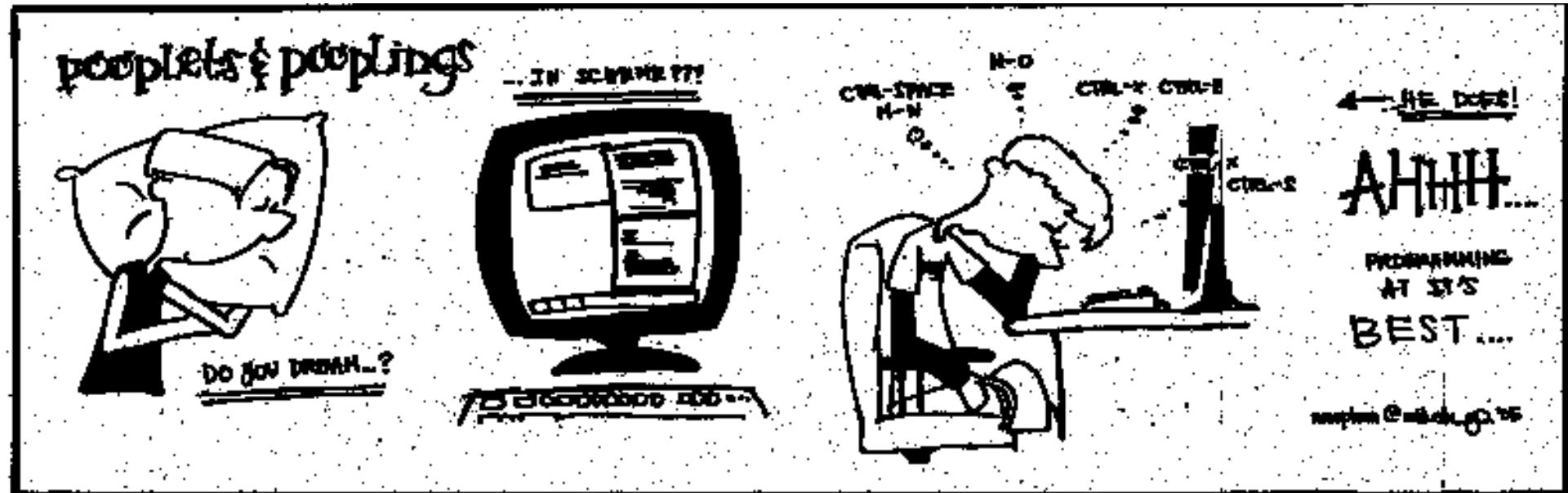
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27 Wrap up	61 See 17A	13 General tendencies	53 Leave high and dry
28 Flips	66 Huron/Ontario separator	18 Latin beat	58 Adversaries
31 In the style of	67 Take by force	22 Prenuptial party	59 Seep
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Events Calendar

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Tuesday, March 19

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - **Trade, Production, and the English Customs and Excise, 1643-1842.** Dibner Institute Lunchtime Colloquium. Free. Room: E56-100. Sponsor: Dibner Institute.

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - **Microwave-enhanced Chemical Vapor Infiltration Processing - A Sharp Interface Model.** Refreshments will be served at 3:30 p.m. in Room 2-349. Free. Room: Room 2-338. Sponsor: Physical Mathematics Seminar. Department of Mathematics.

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - **MTL VLSI Seminar.** Single-Chip Surface-Micromachined Integrated Gyroscope with 50°/hour Root Allan Variance. Free. Room: 34-101. Sponsor: MTL VLSI Seminar.

4:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - **GTL Seminar.** Robust Design of Gas Turbine Engine Secondary Flow Systems. Free. Room: 31-161. Sponsor: Gas Turbine Laboratory, AeroAstro.

4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - **"Selling Socialism: Advertising in East Germany, 1949-75."** Humanities Workshop Series, Spring 2002. Free. Room: 14N-304. Sponsor: History Office. Literature Section, SHASS.

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - **Toastmasters@MIT Evening Meetings.** Free. Room: 5-134. Sponsor: Toastmasters.

6:30 p.m. - **"Havana at the Turn of the Millennium."** Lecture by Mario Coyula-Cowley, architect/urban designer, Havana. Free. Room: Rm 10-250. Sponsor: Department of Architecture.

7:00 p.m. - **"The American Tongue: My Life en Ingles."** Talk by Richard Rodriguez, followed by a book signing immediately afterward, where his latest book "Brown" will be available, (this will not be available to the public until April 1, 2002) along with his other works. Rodriguez is an editor at Pacific News Service, and a contributing editor for Harper's Magazine, U.S. News & World Report, and the Sunday "Opinion" section of the Los Angeles Times. He has published numerous articles in The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, The American Scholar, Time, Mother Jones, and The New Republic, as well as other publications. He has also written two books: "Hunger of Memory" and "Days of Obligation: An Argument With My Mexican Father," as well as two BBC documentaries. Most recently, Rodriguez received a 1997 George Foster Peabody Award for his NewsHour essays on

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American life. The Peabody Award is designed to recognize "outstanding achievement in broadcast and cable," and is one of television's highest honors. Rodriguez's awards include the Frankel Medal from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the International Journalism Award from the World Affairs Council of California. He lives in San Francisco. Free. Room: Rm 4-163. Sponsor: Foreign Languages & Literatures.

9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. - Live jazz at The Ear. The MIT Festival Jazz Ensemble returns tonight to continue their monthly appearances at The Ear. The show starts at 9 p.m. The Thirsty Ear Pub is located in the Ashdown House basement. Enter through the courtyard. Hours: Monday: 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. Tuesday - Thursday: 7 p.m. - 1 a.m. Friday: 4 p.m. - 2 a.m. Must be over 21. Proper ID required. Free. Room: The Thirsty Ear Pub. Sponsor: The Thirsty Ear Pub.

Wednesday, March 20

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - **Teleporting Quantum States of Matter: From Single Atoms to Macroscopic Crystals.** EECS/RLE Optics. Free. Room: Grier Room, 34-401B. Sponsor: Optics.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - **Excel Quick Start.** This course presents an overview of Excel's basic functions, as well as some of its more powerful features and capabilities. Free. Room: N42 Demo Center. Sponsor: Information Systems.

12:10 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - **Physical Oceanography Sack Lunch Seminar.** Free. Room: 54-915. Sponsor: Physical Oceanography.

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - **spouses&partners@mit: Stress Management.** Marlisa Febbiello, a Health Educator from MIT Medical, will help us learn how to survive and thrive at MIT. Childcare provided. Free. Room: W20-400. Sponsor: spouses&partners@mit.

3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. - **Winning Interview Techniques.** Learn how to prepare effectively for an interview and practice with your peers. Pre-registration is required. Free. Room: 12-196. Sponsor: OCSPA.

3:30 p.m. - **MIT Faculty Meeting.** Free. Room: 10-250. Sponsor: Faculty Chair.

4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. - **Economical Waring Bases.** Refreshments will be served at 3:30 p.m. in Room 2-349. Free. Room: Room 2-338. Sponsor: Combinatorics Seminar. Department of Mathematics.

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Opening Reception-Farmland: Rural Spaces near Boston. Photographs by Tony Loreti. A series of gelatin silver prints which portray the organic sensuality of the farmlands in the Boston area. Show runs through May 1. Free. Room: The Dean's Gallery, Sloan School of Management, Rm E52-466. Sponsor: Sloan School of Management-The Dean's Gallery.

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Grad Student Night at The Ear. Every Wednesday is Grad Student Night at The Ear, featuring live music. Tonight: Brother Rabbit performs from 7-9 p.m. The Thirsty Ear Pub is located in the Ashdown House basement. Enter through the courtyard. Hours: Monday: 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. Tuesday - Thursday: 7 p.m. - 1 a.m. Friday: 4 p.m. - 2 a.m. Must be over 21. Proper ID required. This event is funded in part by the Grants Program of the Council for the Arts at MIT. Free. Room: The Thirsty Ear Pub. Sponsor: Graduate Student Council, The Thirsty Ear Pub.

7:00 p.m. - Late Spring. A quietly compelling family drama about a father and daughter in Kyoto, from a director who actively disliked the idea of a plot. Free. Room: 26-100. Sponsor: LSC, Comparative Media Studies.

7:00 p.m. - "The Artworld, Community and Activism: A Meditation Inspired by the Events of September 11th." Lecture by Robert Atkins, NY-based art historian, former columnist at the Village Voice and author. Presented in conjunction with "AA Bronson: Mirror or Mirror" at the List Visual Arts Center through March 31. Free. Room: Rm 54-100 (Green Building). Sponsor: List Visual Arts Center, Visual Arts Program.

7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - Sports Nutrition. How much protein do I need when lifting weights? How many grams of carbohydrates do I need? Do I need special vitamins because I'm active? What about sports drinks? Learn about the diet that can maximize your exercise performance. Get the facts, and add a winning diet to your life! Dinner provided! Free. Room: E25-101. Sponsor: MIT Medical.

8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - IFILM Film Seminar. Screening of an international movie accompanied by a discussion about it. Free. Room: 4-237. Sponsor: Graduate Student Council, International Film Club.

10:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. - Music at The Ear. LIVE electronic music by Signals and Systems starts at 10 p.m. The Thirsty Ear Pub is located in the Ashdown House basement. Enter through the courtyard. Hours: Monday: 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. Tuesday - Thursday: 7 p.m. - 1 a.m. Friday: 4 p.m. - 2 a.m. Must be over 21. Proper ID required. This event is funded in part by the Grants Program of the Council for the Arts at MIT. Free. Room: The Thirsty Ear Pub. Sponsor: The Thirsty Ear Pub. ATat, MITDMC.

11:59 p.m. - Hillel Freshmen Midnight Breakfast. Come have FREE waffles, pancakes, kosher bagels, OJ, etc. with other Jewish freshmen! Free. Room: Zeta Psi. Sponsor: Hillel, MIT.

Thursday, March 21

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Element K Workshop. Is web-based training for me? Spend an

hour in an instructor-led workshop. Learn how to get started using web-based training, explore what is offered and ask questions. Free. Room: W89-250. Sponsor: Information Systems.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Eudora Quick Start. This session shows how to configure Eudora, create messages and address lists, send and receive attachments, and sort incoming e-mail. Free. Room: N42 Demo Center. Sponsor: Information Systems.

12:00 p.m. - MIT Chapel Concert: Biber Ensemble. Orlando Cela, flute; Christina Day, violin; Mickey Katz, cello; Takae Ohnishi, harpsichord. J.S.Bach's Trio sonata, from "Musical Offering," "Sonata for Harpsichord and Violin," "Sonata for Flute and basso continuo." Free. Room: MIT Chapel. Sponsor: Music and Theater Arts Section.

12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Free English Tutoring. All MIT students, scholars, and family members are invited to attend a free English tutoring session. Several native speakers are available by appointment or at the door to assist with written or verbal English communication. Free. Room: W11 Main Dining Room. Sponsor: Baptist Student Fellowship, Baptist Campus Ministry.

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Conversational English Class. Join us for a free conversational English class for international students and spouses at MIT. Most attendees are women able to speak freely who desire to increase their English skills. Class covers a variety of topics including American culture and holiday descriptions. Free. Room: W11 Board Room. Sponsor: Baptist Campus Ministry.

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Weight Watchers at Work meetings at MIT. New and returning members are always welcome at this weekly meeting on weight control. Friendly, relaxed lunch hour meetings. More info: tpriest@mit.edu. Room: Building 8-219. Sponsor: Information Center.

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Functional Optical Devices Based on Photonic Crystals. Special Seminar. Free. Room: Grier Room, 34-401B. Sponsor: EECS, Boston Area MEMS.

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Tornado-vortex structure and tornadogenesis: The view from a 3-mm wavelength mobile Doppler radar. Free. Room: 54-915. Sponsor: MIT Atmospheric Science Seminars.

4:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - Seminar "Modeling the Conformability of Single Piece Rings in the Cylinder and Applications." Spring 2002 Sloan Automotive Lab/Energy Systems Seminar Series. Free. Room: 31-161. Sponsor: Sloan Automotive Laboratory.

4:15 p.m. - 5:15 a.m. - Solving Convex Quadratic Programming Problems Arising in Support Vector Machine Framework. ORC Spring Seminar Series. Seminar followed by reception in the Philip M. Morse Reading Room (E40-106). Free. Room: E51-145. Sponsor: Operations Research Center.

4:15 p.m. - Physics Colloquium. "Tissue Engineering: Can the 'Human Body on a Chip' Replace In Vivo Therapies?" Free. Room: 10-20. Sponsor: Physics Department.

8:00 p.m. - The Winter's Tale. Directed by John C. Hume, music by Yan Yan Lam, fight choreography by Richard Hedderman. \$9, \$6 MIT/Wellesley students. Room: Sala de Puerto Rico. Sponsor: Shakespeare Ensemble.

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Topics will include:

- Anonymous Medical Transport
- MIT Alcohol Policy

The first meeting will be held on Sunday, March 31st at 7:00 PM in the Stratton Student Center West Lounge (W20-201).

For information, please contact the OCSA programs office: 223-3276, or kstbp@mit.edu

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To apply for the Schnitzer prize, you must submit a completed application and all supporting materials to the Student Art Association, Stratton Student Center, Room W20-429, between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm on April 3. **This is the only day and time applications will be accepted.** A complete application consists of the following materials.

- 1) example of artist's work:
 - a) three pieces of original work, or
 - b) one piece of original work and visual representations of other originals (i.e., slides, photographic prints, etc.),
- 2) a written statement concerning artist's intent as it pertains to his or her works and art in general,
- 3) a completed application form, available in W20-429.

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Students Protest Genetically Modified Foods at Star

By Michael Borucke
STAFF REPORTER

Last Tuesday, MIT students joined environmental and consumer activists protesting against genetically modified foods at the Allston Star Market on Commonwealth Avenue.

Approximately fifteen Greenpeace and student activists arrived at the store at mid-morning and began taking ladders off of a van parked adjacent to the store. Using the ladders to scale the store, activists hung a banner from the roof and attached placards saying, "Stop Genetically Engineered Foods" to the store's windows.

Other activists stood on the sidewalk in front of the store holding enlarged, "Caution: Biohazard" yellow tape. Still other activists handed out informational pamphlets to passers-by. Within fifteen minutes Star Market employees had removed the placards from the windows and forced those activists on the roof to descend. Police allowed demonstrators to carry banners in front of the store.

Among the demonstrators were MIT graduate students Julia K. Steinberger and Brice C. Smith and MIT alumnus Saurabh Asthana '00.

"GMOs [genetically modified organisms] represent a potentially serious threat to public health," Smith said. "The people have spoken, and they don't want [GMOs]. It's time they start listening."

Although activists were knowingly risking arrest by trespassing on private property, no arrests were made.

Other demonstrations occurred

simultaneously at supermarkets in Rhode Island, Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont.

Protest kicks off national campaign

Organized by Greenpeace and Clean Water Action, the protests kicked off a national campaign against Shaw's, Star, Safeway, and other supermarket chains selling genetically modified products or products that include genetically modified ingredients.

Linda Setchell of Clean Water Action said the aim of the campaign was to remove all GMO foods from store shelves. "These experimental foods are untested and unwanted, and we're here calling people to action to get them out of our grocery stores," she said.

Previous attempts to influence the grocery store behavior have met with little success. Last year, the GE-Free Markets Coalition handed over 15,000 customer comments to Shaw's CEO Ross McLaren. This did not precipitate further action on the part of the grocery giant. Neither Shaw's nor its subsidiary, Star Market, have since asked their customers if they are concerned about genetically modified foods. Shaw's parent company, UK-based J Sainsbury PLC, has already removed products containing genetically modified ingredients based on the concerns of their consumers.

In a letter to Coalition representatives, McLaren wrote that GMO products had not been pulled from shelves because "we have not experienced the same type of reaction to genetically engineered foods here in



A Star Market employee takes down posters opposing genetically engineered foods from the front of the Allston store last Tuesday. Greenpeace and other local activists were joined by MIT students in highlighting Star Market's refusal to remove foods from the store's shelves with banner drops and pamphleting.

this country."

The McLaren letter adds that Shaw's has no knowledge of genetically engineered food in the products that they sell. "We are unaware of any Shaw's brand products being genetically modified," McLaren wrote. "We are unable to comment on the raw materials used in the manufacture of all Shaw's brand products."

The Shaw's Web site addresses

the labeling of genetically engineered food in particular detail. According to the Web site, "We support the role and responsibility of FDA to determine appropriate food labeling. ... Consultation with [the] FDA should be carried out for all genetically modified food or food ingredients. ... [The] FDA should establish criteria for 'GM Free' and 'non-GM ingredient' labeling."

Polls show support for labeling

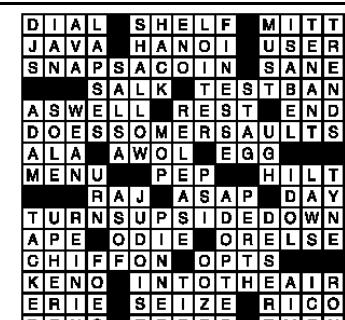
As Shaw's waits for federal labeling regulations, some public opinion polls show a majority of consumers are concerned with GM labeling as well as Genetically Modified foods themselves.

A poll conducted by ABC-News.com in June 2001 found that 93 percent of respondents wanted genetically engineered food to be labeled. A Harris poll in June 2000 found that 86 percent of Americans thought the government

should require labeling of all food from genetically engineered crops. And a PBS poll conducted in April 2001 found that 65 percent of the 21,000 respondents felt genetically engineered crops should not be grown at all.

Despite McLaren's claims to ignorance of genetically engineered products being sold at Shaw's stores, a recent study sponsored by the GE-Free Markets Coalition found that five Shaw's brand products tested positive for genetically engineered ingredients. Those products included Shaw's Brand Crispy Corn Puffs Cereal, Shaw's Brand Yellow Corn Chips, Shaw's Brand Complete Pancake and Waffle Mix, and Shaw's Brand Taco Dinner.

Some claim that the genetically modified ingredients in the cereals pose special risks. Setchell said GMO's can "create new food allergens" to which young children are especially susceptible.



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Stata Center

A new pedestrian walkway has been installed outside Building 57 and access to the Alumni Pool will be relocated beginning this week. Police detail will be on site when trucks are present at Stata loading area. Vassar St. Utilities

The entire parking lot between Buildings 46 and 48 will be closed beginning this week to allow for utility construction for the Stata Center. This phase of construction will extend into June. Parking spaces will be made available in the CRA lot on the corner of Main and Ames streets. Simmons Hall

Installation of windows and windowpanes continues. Installation of the permanent roof membrane is nearly complete.

Zesiger Sports & Fitness Center

Removal of scaffolding is scheduled to begin. Drywall framing, and rough plumbing continue, with special precautions regarding generation of noise. Accesses to W034 and Kresge Auditorium may be congested as construction continues.

Dreyfus Chemistry Building

Some of the sections of the building will be sealed due to decontamination and asbestos removal. Accessibility to certain areas of the east corridors will be restricted as work continues. Periodic noise may occur between the hours of 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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Interior drywalling continues. Painting, tiling, and installation of bathroom finishes are underway.

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Ring Includes Subtle Symbols of Sept. 11

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classes of 2002 and 2003 were also invited to the premiere, as were the president and vice president of the class of 2005. "We wanted to give the freshmen a head start and for the upperclassmen to share in the experience," said Ring Committee member Tina Shih '04.

Most guests were very pleased with the results. "I think the presentations were very entertaining yet professional," said Brad M. McCoy '02. "Everyone enjoyed what they did."

Committee adds unique features

The Leonid meteor showers were represented in the skylines that traditionally adorn the sides of the ring. Also keeping with tradition, a map of campus was added to the inside of the ring. The map included buildings under construction like the Stata Center, "the technological brainchild of electrical engineering," as committee member Neelish Chadusama '04 put it.

Construction was also represented in a dust cloud that surrounded the great dome on one shank of the ring. The ring also included an outline of an owl face, symbolizing the Athena computer system, a sunken sailboat next to the letters "RUSH" in the Charles River, and the letters MIT screwed together to represent how tough the Institute is, according to the committee.

The ring also commemorated the sister class of 1979 (which graduated 25 before), as the ring has every year since its inception.

The ring also had its share of hidden year numbers and wacky symbols. "We were hoping that students would laugh at some of them, but we were not really sure," said Ring Comm member Stephanie W. Chow '02. "They responded really well and we got a lot of good reactions."

Shank includes two men

One of the most anticipated revelations of the night was Ring Comm's decision on the gender of the figure holding the book on the side which classes traditionally use to interpret the seal.

"We considered men, women, and even androgenous characters to represent the seal," said Ring Comm member Helana N. Chia '02. "But after a vote of 764 class members, we heard from you the students. You voted for your class ring to have a male scholar." At that moment, a bearded figure appeared clutching the book aside the man with the hammer.

There arose a cheer from the crowd in Walker after the announcement. One student was heard to shout, "The patriarchy rules!" While the majority of the class expressed their satisfaction with the decision, there were a few students who were disappointed.

"Shoot. I wanted it to be a woman," said Tin Lun Au '04 immediately after the design was revealed.

"I was surprised by the decision and the students' response," said Monica Sircar '04.

"I knew this would be a big problem for this year in particular, as last year mishandled the presentation of their ring," Shih said. "We agonized over the decision for months and it was hard to consider something I wanted versus something I knew the class as a whole wouldn't want."

Once information about the seal was discovered by various members of the sophomore class, Ring Comm let the final decision rest with a class-wide vote on how the ring should appear.

This year marks another year of controversy over the gender of the figures representing *mens et manus*. Last year's decision to have include two males sparked much greater disappointment and even a petition to officially change MIT's official seal

to include a woman.

Ring acknowledges Sept. 11

Another difficult decision was the choice of representation for the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. "In previous years, the class shank has represented a significant event of the year the ring was produced. One particular event this year that sent ripples through the entire world is the unforgettable tragedy of Sept. 11," Shih said at the Ring Premiere.

The committee debated whether or not to place American flags or the World Trade Center towers somewhere in the shanks in memorial. "I felt that to tack a mere symbol onto our class ring would not only degrade our purpose, but also dilute the message," Shih said.

Instead, the committee decided on a gathering of people in Killian court with a space left in the center out of reverence. "We worked together for the first time in a really long time and felt passionate about something," Shih later said. "There is much more to being patriotic than a symbol. That's why I felt the representation of community was more important than the other ideas proposed," such as the twin towers and the U.S. flag.

Shipments problems delay gifts

Posters for the premiere announced the first 600 attendees would receive a gift. Unfortunately, the gifts did not arrive on time and guests were given certificates of claim. "We initially wanted to supply silver bullet shaped LED keychains for the dark atmosphere inside Walker," Shih said. "I was personally distraught that they didn't come in."

The LED lights were available in Lobby 10 as of 3 p.m. Monday. In addition, the committee will raffle the 600 tickets and give one winner a discount on the price of one Brass Rat.

"I actually think it went pretty well [without the gifts]," Shih said. "It now gives people a reason to go to the Jostens table and view the rings."

Students pleased with premiere

Students and committee members agreed that the premiere and the ring itself turned out quite well. "I think we did a great job," Chow said.

"It was a really great chance to see what all the talk was about" said Sircar said. "I am really excited about buying it after going to the premiere."

Some students did have some doubts about aspects of the ring design.

"The capsized boat added an unnecessary touch of morbidity," said Christopher P. Anderson '04.

"There were too many '04's on the ring," said Andrew C. Francis '04. "I didn't think there needed to be 15 on each panel," he jested.

Both sophomores said they were pleased with the overall design of the ring and were glad the class decided to place two men on the seal.

Many choices for Brass Rat

One of the things the ring premiere did not mention were the numerous options that the class of 2004 could choose for their personal brass rat. Aside from the sizes, metals, and antiquing styles from which sophomores may choose, there are other types of rings that some may opt to purchase.

"We also feature signet rings as well as dinner rings for women, which can include any birthstone or black onyx" said Jostens sales representative Sara Deming. "There are also accessory jewelry items like necklaces, pendants, and cufflinks. All of these special items maintain the design of the bezel only."

Jostens representatives will be at Lobby 10 booths all this week to help with sampling and order forms.

Eloranta Summer Research Fellowships

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HASS Faculty Affected By Bias

Bias, from Page 1

Professor of Anthropology Jean E. Jackson, chair of the committee investigating the School of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences, said that fields of specialization in which women tend to concentrate are often marginalized and command lower salaries than the traditionally male-dominated disciplines, sometimes causing entire departments to feel as though they were "second-class citizens" at the Institute.

One male faculty member interviewed by the HASS committee is quoted in the report as saying, "We're all women here."

Lotte Bailyn, a professor in the Sloan School and chair of the school's committee, reported a similar phenomenon among the Sloan faculty. According to Bailyn, male faculty specializing in strictly quantitative research areas often receive better pay and treatment than their colleagues with other specializations.

Marginalization a major issue

All committee chairs reported that marginalization was a major problem in their respective schools. They said this marginalization takes the form of exclusion from group grants, PhD committees, and a lack of information on opportunities and mentoring.

While marginalization is difficult to measure and correct through policies, several panelists said that simply generating awareness through their report and the faculty meeting would do much to improve the situation.

"In the long run, it's really a consciousness-raising issue," Hopkins said.

Family also a concern

Balancing professional and family life was a major concern for many women faculty as well as many of the young male faculty.

Department Head and Professor of Mechanical Engineering Rohan Abeyaratne said that family life was the major factor in a recent faculty candidate's decision to accept a position at another university.

"Even though MIT was a much better school, she felt that there would be much better daycare for her child" at the other university, Abeyaratne said. "And so we lost her."

Reports received well by faculty

Although all the committees concluded that gender bias does exist, they also highlighted recent progress made since the 1999 School of Science report. Such progress includes the hiring of more women faculty, the appointment of women faculty to leadership roles, and more equitable salaries.

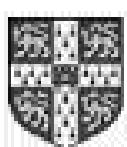
Panel members agreed that their reports were well-received by the faculty as a whole. They received several rounds of applause from the audience throughout the course of the meeting.

Hopkins also noted that MIT administrators were much more willing to discuss the issue of gender bias than those at other major universities.

"I really would like to commend the MIT administration," Hopkins said.

Vest and Brown both expressed MIT's commitment to gender equality, saying that MIT should take a leading role in addressing this issue.

"As every one of these reports pointed out, there are a lot of women having good experiences at MIT, great careers," Vest said. "We just want everybody to be that way."



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Contested Class Council Races

2003 Vice President		Iteration				
Candidate		1	2	3	4	5
Mike Hall	218	234				
Joanne "JoJo" Chang	211	217				
Write-In	45	-				
Nobody	98	121				
2003 Secretary		Iteration				
Candidate		1	2	3	4	5
Kristie Tappan	201	207				
Anita Kumar	188	192				
Write-In	39	-				
Nobody	144	173				
2003 Social Chairs		Iteration				
Candidate		1	2	3	4	5
Christine Hsu/Monica Krishnan	235	238				
Dylan Hirsch-Shell/Allon Hochbaum	232	237				
Write-In	24	-				
Nobody	81	97				
Total votes cast for Class of 2003 Council:	572					
2004 President		Iteration				
Candidate		1	2	3	4	5
Maria Hidalgo	122	1130	131	169	212	
Reuben Cummings	120	127	130	148	190	
Patrick Kim	110	116	117	133	-	
Nadjia Yousif	97	101	104	-	-	
Smith Sirisakorn	16	17	-	-	-	
James Dillon (write-in)	14	-*	-	-	-	
Other Write-Ins (< 4 votes each)	27	-	-	-	-	
Nobody	55	70	79	111	159	
2004 Vice President		Iteration				
Candidate		1	2	3	4	5
Vanessa Pena	166	169	178	219		
Sameera Ponda	111	118	124	151		
Amal Dorai	99	102	108	-		
Rodrigo Luna	37	39	-	-		
Write-In	30	-	-	-		
Nobody	118	133	36	191		
2004 Publicity Coordinators		Iteration				
Candidate		1	2	3	4	5
Hai N Nguyen/Ann Lee (write-in)	39	39				
Aaron Parness/Jon Vasanik (write-in)	30	-*				
Howard Chen/Steve Liu (write-in)	24	-*				
Jehanzeb Noor (write-in)	18	-*				
Hans Palacios (write-in)	13	-*				
Other Write-Ins (< 7 votes each)	125	-				
Nobody	329	539				
Total votes cast for Class of 2004 Council:	561					
2005 President		Iteration				
Candidate		1	2	3	4	5
Danny Kanamori	142	146	155	184	228	
Harel Williams	109	117	130	151	211	
Lizzie Laws	125	126	132	149	-	
In Han Kang	71	73	91	-	-	
Insoo Kim	60	60	-	-	-	
Write-In	24	-	-	-	-	
Nobody	56	65	79	103	148	
2005 Vice President		Iteration				
Candidate		1	2	3	4	5
Jonathan Choi	167	170	191	232		
Rohit Gupta	159	159	175	229		
Jennifer Peng	94	95	123	-		
Alexis DeSieno	87	92	-	-		
Write-In	21	-	-	-		
Nobody	59	71	98	126		
2005 Secretary		Iteration				
Candidate		1	2	3	4	5
Sheila Krishna	172	176	213			
Shima Goswami	136	139	190			
Prachi Jain	133	137	-			
Write-In	20	-	-			
Nobody	126	135	184			
2005 Treasurer		Iteration				
Candidate		1	2	3	4	5
Fahad Kajani	195	196	229			
Yerrie Kim	122	128	176			
Emily Smith	116	124	-			
Write-In	25	-	-			
Nobody	129	139	182			
2005 Publicity Coordinators		Iteration				
Candidate		1	2	3	4	5
Neha Bhargava/Gargi Khare	204	205	251			
Josie Sung/Catherine Weng	160	163	191			
Jesse Alejandro/Cecilia Ramos	111	113	-			
Write-In	13	-	-			
Nobody	99	106	145			
2005 Social Chairs		Iteration				
Candidate		1	2	3	4	5
Ian Driver/Issel Lim	248					
Jocelyn D'Arcy/Jeffrey Falkenbach	195					
Write-In	15					
Nobody	129					
Total votes cast for Class of 2005 Council:	587					

Winners are indicated in bold.

A * indicates write-ins that were all eliminated in one step; none of them can get votes from each other since there is only one write-in blank on the ballot.

SOURCE: UA ELECTION COMMISSION

Creighton/Brar Drew Attention

Vote-Buying Ploy Likely Increased Turnout for Other UA Elections

Turnout, from Page 1

contest. That's why I don't vote."

"Maybe it's because of the guy with the ten dollar thing," La'O said.

"Overall I'm happy with our new class council," she added.

Michael D. Sekora '05, a Creighton/Brar supporter, was intrigued by the candidates' unusual strategy.

"I thought it was pretty noteworthy how unconventional his tactics were. He wasn't doing something run of the mill, not the regular mediocre campaign," Sekora said.

Only 89 of the 2009 votes were cast during paper balloting, which

happened only on Friday.

"So many people just voted online," Lee said. "Plus, paper balloting was on Friday, when fewer people have classes."

"I voted online this time," La'O said. "It was easier."

Many council seats uncontested

Six of the elections for seats on the 2003 and 2004 Class Councils were uncontested, including 2003 president.

"I think [so many uncontested elections] happened because people don't feel their UA council actually represents them," said UA President-elect Josiah D. Seale '03. "Next year, I hope to increase resolution with more representatives from indi-

vidual communities."

Close margins in many elections

Eight of the nine elections came down to less than twenty-five votes. The vote for the 2003 Social Chairs was decided by one vote.

"I know it's really disappointing to lose by just one vote, but we won't be recounting unless the candidates change their mind," Lee said. "There was a question about [recounting] but we explained the tallying procedure and everyone understood."

Incoming officers will begin working with the UA in the near future.

"They don't actually take office until next year, but they'll help with the transition," Lee said.

Disqualification of Ticket Upheld

UA President, from Page 1

write-in votes. Their campaign promise to give each of their voters \$10 upon victory drew unusual attention to the race.

On Thursday, the Election Commission declared their candidacy illegal, and their votes were distributed to the next candidates on the ballots. The pair appealed the ruling to the UA Judicial Review Board.

JudBoard upholds ruling

In a six-point decision, JudBoard ruled that "the Creighton/Brar campaign strategy was indeed a form of bribery and/or vote buying."

"The Creighton/Brar ticket is hereby declared to be ineligible to hold the offices of the UA President and Vice President and the ruling of the Commission to this effect is upheld," the written decision continued.

The board interviewed Creighton and Brar Friday afternoon, and then deliberated for four hours Friday night. It issued its opinion around 10 p.m. Saturday night over the *mit-talk* mailing list.

"Whatever," Creighton said. "The hard question for me is, is it bribery if I say I'm going to give money to the Athletic Commission? This decision made the issue of what is bribery."

While JudBoard upheld the Election Commission's decision, it criticized its handling of the affair. Specifically, it criticized the high-handed way the commission acted. "The Commission failed to provide the Creighton/Brar ticket with due process," it wrote. "The Commission failed to meet or interview the Creighton/Brar team and inform them of the problems surrounding their campaign prior to the release of its decision."

"I understand what they're saying," said Helen H. Lee '02, UA election commissioner. "It should just be the Election Rules Board that takes care of this. It shouldn't have gotten personal."

The Rules Board, a subcommittee of the commission, is responsible for interpreting and enforcing UA election rules. Its chair, Daniel D. Liston '04, was asked by Lee to resign Thursday. Liston had sent inflammatory e-mails to Creighton, later forwarded to the *mit-talk* list, berating him and his vote-buying scheme.

"The JudBoard decision was presented very professionally," Lee said. "That sort of presentation is the sort of thing we hope the Campaign Rules Board will do once the problems are worked out," she said, noting that the Rules Board is in its first year of supervising UA elections.

Seale, Yoon skeptical of scheme

Seale and Yoon had differing opinions on the vote-buying controversy.

"I'm glad we got to hear from people protesting the UA," Seale said. "I tried to stay out of it as much as possible. I do think buying votes

some campaign stunt is within the rules. It doesn't allow the candidates to run as competitive a campaign as they would want when they don't know the boundaries of what they can do."

Creighton also said that the rules could be more precise. The rule changes JudBoard recommended are too tailored to this particular case, he said.

"I was surprised that they thought changing the rules for this specific case would prevent things like this happening in the future," Creighton said. "I can see holes in it even with the new rules they put in. The safest way to make the elections better is to not let me run."

Gotta Sing?



SPORTS

LLUA Wins 'A' League Basketball

Top Seed LLUA Takes Intramural Title With 37-35 Edging of ATO Gold

By **Rory Pheiffer**

STAFF WRITER

Alpha Tau Omega Gold edged the Little Lebowski Urban Achievers (LLUA) 37-35 March 11 to win the "A" League intramural basketball title.

 Top-seeded LLUA reached the finals by continuing to dominate their opponents, with victories of 64-34 against the Black Graduate Students Association and a 51-28 thumping of the Slavic Tribes. ATO Gold used two seven-point victories over the Asian Athletic Association's Fob Five and Delta Upsilon's Ducks to have a second chance at LLUA. Earlier in the season LLUA easily beat ATO 68-48.

LLUA, in typical fashion, jumped out to an early lead as Craig Breen G and Joseph Cosgrove G each buried a pair of three-pointers. It looked like LLUA was going to run away with this game like it has every other

game this season. However, midway through the first half, ATO's defense began to clamp down, causing LLUA's shooting percentage to drop significantly.

On the other end of the court, Jeffrey J. Billing G, Askia A. Howell '04, and Colin E. Champ '03 began turning sophomore Philip M. Deutsch's passes into points as ATO managed to cut the lead to four, 21-17.

Tough defense keeps ATO in game

ATO continued their solid play in the second half, as aggressive defense from Lyle Paladin-Tripp '04 kept LLUA's top scorer and season MVP Breen in check. Additionally, Howell totalled six blocked shots for the game as his inside presence on both offense and defense was the biggest key to keeping Gold in the game.

Using clutch free throw shooting from Deutsch, who finished six for six in the game, ATO eventually took the lead by two. For the first time all season LLUA found

itself in the hole so late in the game, and everybody wondered exactly how LLUA would respond. Fortunately for LLUA, they found their offense again, as they started to make their shots and force turnovers on the defensive end. They recovered from their deficit and pushed the lead to five with just three minutes to play.

It looked as if they were going to pull away, but LLUA began missing their one-and-one free throw attempts, allowing ATO to pull within two with under a minute to play. With fifteen seconds remaining, ATO fouled Breen, sending him to the line for another one-and-one attempt. Breen's free throw was off the mark, and ATO grabbed the rebound for one last attempt. ATO was out of time outs, though, and they brought the ball up-court and eventually made an errant pass to end the game.

Team members Philip Sheehy and Philip Deutsch contributed to the reporting of this story.



Rich Park '05 defends against Oneil Bhalala '05 in the B League IM basketball finals last Thursday in Rockwell Cage. Theta Chi took home the title, defeating Phi Kappa Theta 39-25.

B League Bracket



Men's Lacrosse Team Tops Wentworth 19-9

By **Brian Loux**

NEWS EDITOR

The Men's Lacrosse team topped Wentworth 19-9 Saturday to even their record at 1-1.

"We were more determined, intense and mentally prepared on Saturday," said Coach Walter Alessi.

"It was great to get strong contributions from our freshmen and our strong veteran nucleus."

The Engineers were quick to draw first blood in the high scoring match. Two goals from Eli J. Weinberg '02 and Isaac B. Taylor '05 in just over a minute of play put the Panthers in an early hole.

There was trouble in the second quarter as Wentworth went on a 3-1 run, reducing MIT's lead to only one at halftime. But the Engineers went on to widen the lead in the second half, finishing with a 10-point win.

Midfielder David A. Cantor '02 and Taylor allowed the rest of the team to breathe easier with four and five goals, respectively. Consistent pressure from the front lines caused the young Panther defense to buckle early and often as the Engineers found they could successfully dodge two or more defenders on their way to goal.

Defense shuts down Wentworth

The Engineers displayed some superb defense even without starter Chester K. Bai '02. The quartet of

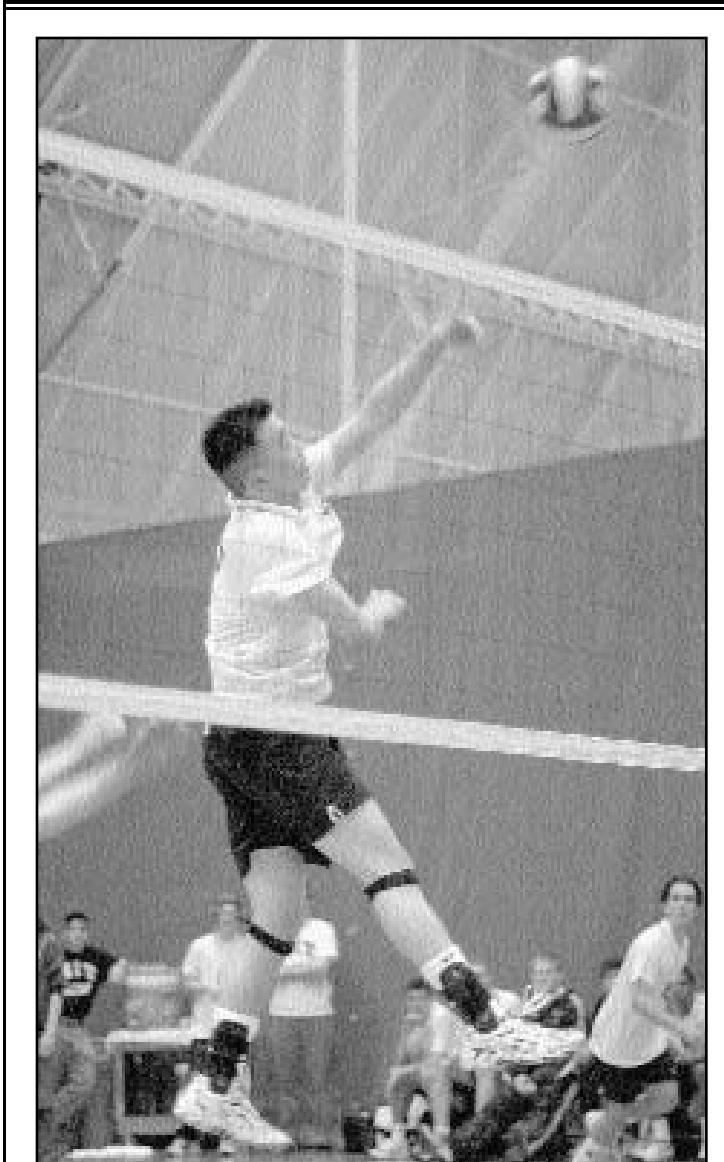
Brent M. Schreiber '03, Scott B. Maher '03, Brian C. Alvarez '02, and Chris W. Wilmer '02 forced the seasoned Wentworth offense to take only outside shots for most of the game. Goalie Christopher Ng '05 played his part in stopping the attack with 14 saves on the day.

The key to MIT's success was the ability to win the ground ball situations. The slippery turf combined with the aggressive MIT defense begot many changes in possession. Both MIT defense and midfield capitalized on these opportunities. The defense totaled 16 loose balls while the midfield turned many of their 25 ground ball wins into scoring situations. Weinberg led the pack with 8 ground balls to his name.

MIT's offense also forced hurried situations on the other side of the field. The Panther defense was often unable to clear the ball out of their own zone. Attackman Carter Powers '05 made it his personal mission to get in the face of the opposing goalie, which resulted in many scoring opportunities for MIT. Powers had five goals for the day.

Senior attackman Matt P. Van Horne '02 had a career first with more assists than goals, finishing with three assists and only two goals.

The Engineers face another tough matchup at home Wednesday against Endicott. Next weekend, they will travel to California to face UC Santa Barbara and Berkeley.

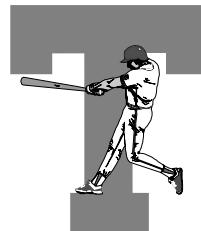


Hao Hu '04 slams the ball at Harvard players in the final home game of the volleyball season last Wednesday night. MIT lost in three sets, finishing with a 2-21 record.

UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

Tuesday, March 19

Baseball vs. Wentworth, 3:00 p.m.
Women's Lacrosse vs. Gordon, 6:00 p.m.



Wednesday, March 20

Men's Lacrosse vs. Endicott, 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 21

Baseball vs. Gordon College, 3:00 p.m.